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Applicants' representative contacted the examiner telephonically on 02 December, 2005, to request entry and consideration of the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed 28 April, 2003. Applicants are reminded that said IDS was not considered for the reasons clearly set forth in the advisory action dated 20 May, 2003. Specifically, applicants were advised that the IDS filed 28 April 2003, had been placed in the application file but the information contained therein had NOT been considered. Applicants were reminded of the requirements set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 which stipulates that all IDSs filed after final MUST have an accompanying statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No such statement accompanied the filing. Moreover, at no time during prosecution from this point until now did applicants request reconsideration of the IDS. Thus, there is no formal requirement that the examiner consider said IDS. However, as a courtesy to applicants, the examiner has reconsidered the IDS filed 28 April, 2003, and the information contained therein has been considered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0908. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James C. Housel, can be reached at (571) 272-0902. Direct general status inquiries to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist at (571) 272-1600. Informal communications may be submitted to the Examiner's RightFAX account at (571) 273-0908.

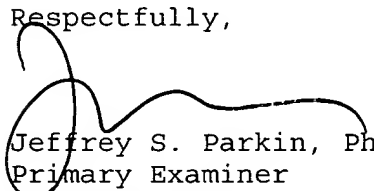
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Respectfully,



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